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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Harriet Wilson, who passed away on April 13, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Harriet Wilson was born on September 20, 1922 in Darlaston, South Staffordshire, England; her parents were Henry and Annie May (nee Foster) Moreton; she married Stan Wilson on June 2, 1945 in Darlaston; she lived in Wonder Lake for 63 years and was a happy winter Snowbird in Sun City, Arizona; and

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WHEREAS, Harriet Wilson served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service in World War II from 1940 to 1945; she was one of the first women trained on the then-new radar detection system; while stationed on the southeast coast of England, she met her future husband; and

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WHEREAS, After she was demobilized from the Auxiliary Territorial Service, Harriet Wilson came to the United States on a Canadian War Bride ship in 1946; she and her husband moved to Chicago and stayed on the weekends at the Wonder Lake boarding house of Earl and Ruth Barnard across from the Mill Inn in Wonder Lake; they later bought their home in Wonder Lake and happily lived there for 63 years; during this time, she

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1 helped her husband with the printing of the local Township  
2 News; and

3 WHEREAS, Harriet Wilson was a Sunday school teacher at  
4 Nativity Lutheran Church, a room mother at Harrison School, and  
5 a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for many years; she also worked  
6 at the Admiral Corporation in McHenry and Science Research  
7 (SRA) in Lakemoor before retiring from Oak Industries in  
8 Crystal Lake; and

9 WHEREAS, Harriet Wilson was a Lifetime Member of the  
10 Woodstock Women of the Moose Chapter 364 and a proud member and  
11 Recording Secretary of the McHenry American Legion Post #491;  
12 one of her favorite obligations as a member of the American  
13 Legion was to present the American Legion Awards each year at  
14 Harrison School; and

15 WHEREAS, Harriet Wilson enjoyed knitting, sewing, and  
16 gardening; and

17 WHEREAS, Harriet Wilson was preceded in death by her  
18 parents; her loving husband of 63 years, Stan; an infant son,  
19 Paul; a sister, May (the late William) Pitt; and 3 brothers,  
20 Harry, Eric, and George; and

21 WHEREAS, Harriet Wilson is survived by a daughter, Ruth

1 (the late Robert) Cepuder; grandchildren, Jennifer Thibault  
2 and Aaron (Jen) Cepuder, Sr.; her great-grandchildren,  
3 Samantha and Alyia Thibault, AJ (Aaron) Cepuder, Jr., and Cole  
4 and Zach Hedlund; sisters, Gladys (the late Tom) Dockery and  
5 Joan (the late Tom) Moseley; a brother, John (the late Dorothy)  
6 Moreton; a sister-in-law, Betty (the late George) Moreton; and  
7 like a sister, Ida Behling; she was also a very special 'long  
8 distance' great aunt to Valery (John) Russell, Jean (Sid)  
9 Martin, Peter (Julie) Moseley, Yvonne (John) Collins,  
10 Christopher (Jane) Moreton, Stephen (Sue) Moreton, and their  
11 families who reside in England; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her  
14 family and friends, mourn the passing of Harriet Wilson; and be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Harriet Wilson as an expression of  
18 our sympathy.